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**(54) AGENT FOR EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING PLANT EXTRACT**

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a skin whitening agent, active oxygen scavenging agent and antimicrobial agent, each useful as an active ingredient of an agent for external use such as a cosmetic or quasi-drug.

SOLUTION: This skin whitening agent, active oxygen scavenging agent or antimicrobial agent contains, as active ingredient, one or more kinds of extract selected from those afforded by the following plants: *Artocarpus lakoocha* Roxb., *Streblus asper* Lour., *Blumea balsamifera* DC., *Pluchea indica*(L.) Less., *Coccinia indica* Wight and Arnott., *Coccinia grandis* Voight, *Gloriosa superba* L., *Heliotropium indicum* R. Br., *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L., *Mammea siamensis* Kosterm., *Michelia champaca* L., *Murraya paniculata* Jack, *Mitragyna speciosa*(Korth.) Havil., *Morinda citrifolia* L., *Randia siamensis* Craib., *Solanum trilosatum* L., *Diospyros mollis* Griff., *Elephantopus scber* L., *Mesua ferrea* L., *Micromelum minutum* Seem., *Orthosiphon stamineus*, and *Solanum violaceum* Ortega. The other objective agent for external use contains the above skin whitening agent, active oxygen scavenging agent and/or antimicrobial agent.

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